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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

IVERSEN, JORN

Examiner

Ella Colbert

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 75-103 and 138-163 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 75-103 and 138-163 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 February 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 75-169 are pending. Claims 75, 76, 138, and 151 have been amended in this communication filed 10/26/06 entered as Response After Non-Final Action. Claims 104-137 have been withdrawn in the Response to the Restriction of 03/07/06. Claims 75-103 and 138-163 remain pending.
2. The Objection to Drawing Figures 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-9 have been overcome by the amendments to the drawings and is hereby withdrawn. However, figure 3 still remains objected to as set forth here below and responded to in the Response to Arguments section of this communication.
3. The Objection to the Specification has been overcome by the amendments to the Specification and the objection is hereby withdrawn.

Drawing Objections

4. The drawings are objected to because in Figure 3, reference "78" refers to "storage" and "secure storage". Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary

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to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 151 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 151 is in the improper method claim format. On page 21 of the claims, claim 151 in the second claim limitation should recite "purchasing said negotiable instrument from the seller by calling upon a capital pool". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 75, 90, 138, and 151 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are in Claim 75, after the first claim limitation – a receiving module further configured to receive a notification for the negotiable instrument issued for the seller has an extended maturity date; a calling module configured upon a capital pool ...; and a calling module further configured ... to the seller prior to said extended maturity date. Claims 90, 138, and 151 have a similar problem.

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It is unclear from the Specification, drawings, and claims what is meant by the term "capital pool". It is respectfully requested that the Applicants' provide a definition for "capital pool" since the Examiner is unable to find a definition in the financial dictionaries. Do Applicants' mean "venture capital pool" or "capital pool" of companies or corporations?

Claims 76-89, 91-103, 139-150, and 152-163 are also rejected because of their dependency on a rejected base claim.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 10/26/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Issue no. 1: Applicant argues: With reference to Figure 3, the Examiner states that reference character "78" refers to both "storage" and "secure storage" and Applicant submits that "secure" is an adjective to further describe "storage" and the "storage" referred to by reference character "78" is the same feature in both locations in the description has been considered but is not persuasive. Response: The main issue is whether "element "78" should be labeled in drawing figure 3 as simply "storage" or "secure storage". Perhaps drawing element "78" should be labeled as "secure storage" since the storage is supposed to be secure in order to avoid further confusion.

Inquiries

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741.


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The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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